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SUBJECT: NEW RHODESIAN ATTACKS INSIDE MOZAMBIQUE

1. ACCORDING TO DECEMBER 12 NOTICIAS RHODESIAN AIRCRAFT BOMBED MOZAMBIQUE MILITARY POSITIONS NEAR THE BORDER CITY OF PAFURI IN GAZA PROVINCE ON DECEMBER 11. PAPER NOTED THAT IN RECENT WEEKS PAFURI HAS BEEN TARGET OF "CONSTANT ATTACKS" BY RHODESIAN FORCES. NOTICIAS ALSO REPORTED THAT RHODESIAN FORCES STRUCK AT TARGETS NEAR CAEREZINO IN GURO DISTRICT OF MANICA PROVINCE. NO CASUALTY FIGURES WERE REPORTED FOR EITHER ATTACK.

2. NOTICIAS COMMENTED THAT THESE NEW ATTACKS "CONFIRM THE INDICATIONS THAT THE RACIST ARMIES OF RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA ARE PREPARING A MAJOR OFFENSIVE AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA." ARTICLE SAID UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA SEAN MACBRIDE REVEALED AND DENOUNCED THE RHODESIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN "PLAN" TO ATTACK MOZAMBIQUE TWO DAYS AGO.

3. NOTICIAS DECEMBER 13 CARRIED A SHORT FRONT PAGE
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ARTICLE REPORTING THAT IVOR RICHARD HAD MET IN LONDON

OVER THE WEEKEND WITH BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER CROSSLAND AND WITH SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER. UPON RETURNING TO GENEVA AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF HIS TALKS, RICHARD WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT ALL THE NATIONALIST DELEGATIONS FAVORED A "BRITISH PRESENCE (IN RHODESIA) AS A FORCE OF EQUILIBRIUM DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD." RICHARD SAID THAT RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER SMITH REJECTED THIS IDEA.

3. DECEMBER 13 NOTICIAS ALSO REPORTED THE DISMISSAL OF TIMM GIBBS AND "FIVE OTHER IMPORTANT MEMBERS" FROM THE OPPOSITION RHODESIA PARTY. NOTICIAS SAID THE REMOVAL OF GIBBS "IS CONSIDERED IN SALISBURY AS A SIGN OF THE PROFOUND DIFFERENCES AMONG THE WHITE COMMUNITY," WHICH IS DIVIDED BETWEEN THOSE WHO WANT TO ACCEPT AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONALISTS AND THOSE WHO WANT SMITH TO CONTINUE IN POWER.
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